

Act No. 130 (H.350). Professions and occupations; Board of Medical Practice; unprofessional conduct; investigations; prescribed products

An act relating to the posting of medical unprofessional conduct decisions and to investigators of alleged unprofessional conduct

In regard to the medical professionals regulated by the Board of Medical Practice, this act requires the Department of Health's register of unprofessional conduct complaints and its data repository to contain a summary of the final disposition of unprofessional conduct charges. The summary is required to indicate any charges that were dismissed and any charges resulting in a finding of unprofessional conduct. The act also generally requires that when a final disposition dismisses all charges against a licensee in the same action, any information related to those charges be removed from the register and data repository.

The act also requires Board of Medical Practice investigators who are not full-time certified law enforcement officers to receive annual training on conducting investigations of alleged unprofessional conduct, and requires all Board investigators to maintain certification by a nationally or regionally recognized entity regarding the investigation of licensing cases. The Board is also required to file a report on any changes it makes in its policies and procedures for investigating unprofessional conduct cases.

Finally, the act amends existing and adds new definitions in 18 V.S.A. § 4631a regarding expenditures by manufacturers of prescribed products.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 20, 2014